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FOR: Combinations of Valsartan with Cox-2 Inhibitors

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

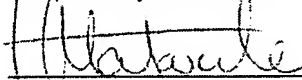
In a restriction requirement dated March 3, 2009, the period for response extended to June 3, 2009, by the concurrently filed Request for Extension of Time, the Office required the Applicant to elect Group I, comprising claims 1-4 and 7-8, drawn to a composition comprising valsartan and a COX-2 inhibitor of formula V; Group II, comprising claims 5-6, drawn to a method of making a composition comprising valsartan and a COX-2 inhibitor of formula V; or Group III, comprising claim 9, drawn to a method of treating or preventing a condition or disease by administering a composition comprising valsartan and a COX-2 inhibitor of formula V.

Applicant chooses Group I, and requests examination on the merits with the timely allowance of the pending claims.

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